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“Be an Angel for the Veteran” gives Veterans a Meaningful Christmas

The 5th Annual “Be an Angel for the Veteran” program is currently going on now through December 19, 2003 at the Sun Dome Plaza in Sun City West at the corner of R.H. Johnson and Camino del Sol.

The gift tree program benefits the veterans in The Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center Nursing Home Care Unit located at 650 E. Indian School Road in Phoenix.

Two Christmas trees displaying tags are put up in the plaza. Each tag gives information about gifts that veterans have requested. This year 426 tags were put on the trees.

It is through the generosity of the community that needy veterans are able to have a meaningful Christmas.

The gift tree is coordinated through the Sun Dome Plaza Merchant Association. For more information contact Ms. Gwen Shoemaker at 623-584-6609.

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The Carl T. Hayden Veterans Affairs Medical Center has been serving veterans in Maricopa County since 1951. We are a level one tertiary care facility that offers a variety of services to more than 60,000 veterans. We currently have 132 inpatient beds for medical and surgical patients, 102 beds for nursing home patients and 48 inpatient beds for mental health patients. We are actively involved in training new medical and surgical residents to become certified physicians and are committed to medical research to help find cures for illness and disease. We are honored to serve our veterans.